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## Via ECF

Hon. Lorna G. Schofield  
United States District Court  
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Sholom Muratov  
17 Cr. 262 (LGS)

Dear Judge Schofield:

At the instruction of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Defendant Sholom Muratov ("Defendant") respectfully requests that this Court issue an Order granting him leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. As set forth in the attached Affirmation, Defendant can no longer afford the costs associated with the pursuit of his appeal, including filing fees, transcript orders, and attorneys' fees.

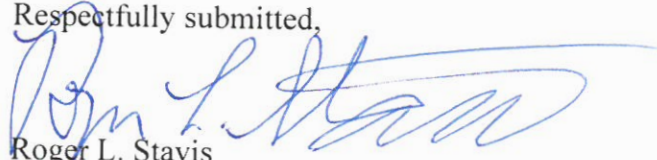
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Nevertheless, Defendant intends to claim errors in the pretrial, trial, and sentencing proceedings in this matter on appeal. However, without the transcripts, counsel cannot provide more details with respect to the specific issues to be raised on appeal or the merits of those claims.

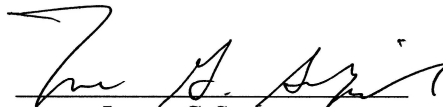
Therefore, we respectfully request that the Court grant Defendant's motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Based on Defendant Muratov's and his counsel's affidavits, the application to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal is GRANTED. The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to close Dkt. No. 564.

Dated: December 16, 2019  
New York, New York

  
LORNA G. SCHOFIELD  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE